

# Setting up your Free Weblog at Class Portals

1. Go to: <http://tommark.com/blogs/>

2. Guess what:



3. Choose a name

Username:

(Must be at least 4 characters, letters and numbers only.)

Hint: this will become part of your Blog's Web address, so choose something easy, clear, related to the subject and without any "funny characters").

Email Address:

(Must be one you can access right now – and correct, so triple-check it! ;-)

4. Access your email. Check for the message from WordPress, then click on the link to activate your Blog.

Write down your password (you can change it, but save it now).

5. Bask in the Radiance of your Online Presence

6. Now Let's Get to Work – Click on "Log-in" (find the link in the sidebar)

7. You are now "behind the scenes of your Weblog." There are some things you might want to change/customize:

8. Start with the most dramatic: Click "Presentation" and choose a new Theme by clicking on it and clicking "view site" (in a new tab or window) to see the change.



9. Now we'll build the site by:

- Adjusting "Options"
- Changing your password
- Killing Spam with Akismet
- Creating Pages / Hotlists
- Building a Blogroll & RSS Feeds
- Thinking about Podcasts & Vodcasts

10. Use it with students!